

## **LOYOLA PRO LIFE FORUM (Shift – I)**

### **Annual Report (2018-19)**

The Loyola Pro-life Forum was founded by Dr. S. Jayasurya Kingsley, Retired Professor and former head of the Department of Botany, Loyola College, in 2007. The main objectives of the forum are:

1. To create awareness among the students about anti-life issues such as abortion, suicide, life-threatening diseases and adverse impacts on environment.
2. Also, a positive approach towards life through organ, blood and eye donation, counselling and knowledge about the right to live and make the students to understand the worth of life.

The goals of the forum are being carried forward effectively by a committed and enthusiastic group of young students. The forum actively takes up issues related to life and raises its voice and records its support to Pro life measures through various events and programmes being conducted by an exemplary team of student volunteers.

Students did commendable service promoting life and awareness against anti-life issues.



We have conducted an awareness programme about Suicide Prevention on 10 September 2018 commemorating “World Suicide Prevention Day”. The students were holding placards describing the quotes on suicide prevention. The members of Loyola Student Support Services (LSSS) conducted a Tamil drama grabbing the attention of the people with our traditional “Parai Isai”. The drama briefed the reasons for suicide and also the solution for that. More than 150 students from Shift I and Shift II has participated in the programme.

We organised a guest lecture on “Abundant Life”. This lecture was delivered by Dr. K. Vijayasekar, Physician and Managing Director, Sri Lakshmi Multi Speciality Hospitals, Perungudi on 12 December 2018. He spoke about the various addictions of students and motivated them to live in a meaningful way of life. Then students conducted a study and submitted their field visit report about the works of orphanages, old age homes and Non-Governmental organisations.



We have organised an exhibition named LIVET 2019 related to prolife along with Jesus Youth Society on 21 February 2019. Exhibition showcased different segments like beauty of life, threats of life like drugs, suicide, homosexuality, abortion and responsible parenthood. Students also performed a mime during the break and conveyed the message of prolife.